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OF THE

GWYNNE TEMPORARY HOME

FOR CHILDREN.

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BOARD OF MANAGERS

OF THE

Gwynne Temporary Home for Children

(46 Worcester Street, Boston)

FOR THE YEAR 1906

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1907

This Institution was first started as a Home in January, 1847, on Albany Street, was incorporated as the Temporary Home for the Destitute by an Act of Incorporation passed February 27, 1852, and moved to Kneeland Street in 1853.

In the Act of Incorporation it was stated to be "for the purpose of affording shelter and support to children and other persons destitute of a home, until more permanent provision can be made for them."

By an additional act passed May 16, 1865, "The Board of Managers of the Temporary Home for the Destitute shall have authority to receive into their house such children as they may deem suitable objects for charity, and also to accept a surrender in writing by the father, and when there is no father, by the mother, and when there is no father or mother, by the guardian of any child or children, to the care and direction of said corporation; and to bind out in virtuous families, until the age of twenty-one years, any boy or boys thus surrendered, and, until the age of eighteen years, any female child or children thus surrendered." Under this Act infants were first taken December 25, 1871.

In 1871 the Home was moved to Pine Street Place, and again in 1884 to 46-48 Worcester Street, its present location.

By an Act passed March 9, 1888, the name of the Institution was changed to

"THE GWYNNE TEMPORARY HOME FOR CHILDREN."

OFFICERS FOR 1907.

President,

JOHN D. WILLIAMS

160 State Street.

Vice-President,

WILLIAM FAXON, Jr.

Treasurer,

WILLIAM FAXON, Jr.

23 Court Street.

Counsellors,

Miss M. C. STEVENSON, Miss A. C. AYRES.

Clerk,

EZRA H. BAKER.

Managers,

Jan.	JOHN D. WILLIAMS.	Miss C. P. NOYES.
Feb.	Dr. J. PAYSON CLARK.	Mrs. ALEX. F. WADSWORTH.
Mar.	CLEMENT S. HOUGHTON.	Mrs. G. S. CURTIS.
Apr.	ROBERT S. STURGIS.	Miss MIRIAM P. HAMLEN.
May.	Dr. FRED'K TAYLOR LORD	Mrs. ROBERT B. FAIRBAIRN
June.	GEORGE C. CHANEY.	Mrs. G. W. WHEELWRIGHT.
July.	WILLIAM FAXON, Jr.	Mrs. WILLIAM FAXON, Jr.
Aug.	EZRA H. BAKER.	Mrs. CHAS. HOPKINSON.
Sept.	ARTHUR H. DAKIN.	Mrs. W. W. BLACKMAR
Oct.	NATHANIEL N. THAYER	Mrs. NATHANIEL N. THAYER
Nov.	ARTHUR W. MOORS.	Miss ELIZABETH B. BROWN
Dec.	GEORGE B. DEWSON.	Mrs. GEORGE B. DEWSON.

Assistant Managers,

Miss ELEANOR G. MAY. Miss ELIZABETH R. TYSON.
C. L. DeNORMANDIE. Miss LOUISE FITZ.
Miss MARY O. CLARK.

Matron,

Miss FLORENCE C. PEARSON.

COMMITTEES FOR 1907.

School.

Mrs. BLACKMAR. Mrs. FAXON.
Mrs. WADSWORTH.

Repairs and Furnishings.

Miss BROWN. Mrs. FAIRBAIRN.
Mr. THAYER.

Supplies.

Mr. FAXON. Mr. WILLIAMS.

Finance.

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. FAXON.
Mr. BAKER.

Printing Annual Report.

Mr. WILLIAMS. Mr. FAXON.
Mr. BAKER.

Distributing Annual Report.

Mrs. DEWSON. Mrs. WADSWORTH.

Hygiene and Food.

Dr. CLARK. Mrs. CURTIS
Mr. FAXON.

REPORT FOR 1906

The Gwynne Temporary Home for Children has now completed its sixtieth year of continuous work and useful service in this community. Our records show that in that time we have received into the Home about ten thousand different children; and the total number received is actually much greater than this, from the fact that many a child has come to us two, three, or even more times.

As compared with most of the years of the past decade, the year that is closing has been an average one in point of activity. We can safely say that had it not been for the misfortune of contagious diseases in the Home, the year would have compared favorably with its predecessor, which was an excellent year. Measles breaking out in February, and scarlet fever in April, of necessity seriously crippled our work. Between February and May inclusive (a period of four months and normally our busiest season) very few children were taken into the Home. Every precaution is used to guard against sickness, and every possible endeavor made to accept only healthy applicants, nevertheless, where there is a group of children, occasional diseases cannot be avoided. We can, however, rejoice that none of the children have died during the year.

Our work continues mainly along its usual line of activity, namely: furnishing to deserving parents in

need, a home for their children temporarily, until the family can be reunited. The children while here, are given clothing, wholesome food and simple instruction, and that they are well cared for is evidenced by the fact that when, as is often the case, they return to the Home they are always glad to be back again at "Aunt Gwynne's."

In the last few years we have placed fewer children for adoption than formerly; although in nearly all such cases the results in the past have been most satisfactory, our chief aim is to preserve, as far as possible, the family unity and the responsibility of parents. That this aim is fulfilled is proved by the fact that in the great majority of instances the children are restored to their parents.

We continue successfully our practice of boarding out children under two years of age, taking special pains in the selection of the suitable family, where the infants can receive, better than in an institution, a mother's love and care so necessary to them.

While we are now and always most desirous to have the capacity of the Home taxed to its utmost, it is pleasant to believe that the present prosperous times are lagely responsible for a lull in our work, as well as in that of other kindred charities.

It is our sad duty to report the death in September last of our much esteemed co-worker, Mr. Alexander F. Wadsworth. For a period of nineteen years he had filled the position of Treasurer of this Institution with unstinted devotion and fidelity.

We are most heartily grateful to all the generous friends who have given us aid during the year, and particularly those, who have given the children the much

needed opportunities to get into the outer world. To Rev. D. W. Waldron for an outing for the children at Franklin Park; to Rev. M. R. Deming for an excursion to Beachmont, and one to Sharon; to some of our managers for a trip to Nantasket Beach and Paragon Park; to the Metropolitan Outing Association (through Miss Alice Hall) for a journey to Nantasket Point; to the Barnard Memorial for the invitation to the celebration at Mechanics' Hall on Washington's Birthday, and to Keith's Theatre and the Boston Elevated Railway Co. for free tickets.

We cordially thank the matron, the visiting physician, and all the employees of the Home for their faithful work during the year.

Children in the Home December 26, 1905 . .		29
Received during 1905-6		217
		246
Placed in other institutions	34	
Placed for adoption	2	
Returned to parents and friends . . .	174	
		210
Remaining in the Home, Dec. 31, 1906		36
		246

Boston, December 31, 1906.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS.

ARTICLE I.

MEMBERSHIP.

All signers of the Constitution and By-Laws who shall have contributed for two successive years to the funds of the Corporation shall be members; and membership shall cease on failure for one year so to contribute.

ARTICLE II.

ANNUAL MEETING AND OFFICERS.

The Annual Meeting shall be held on the last Monday of December (or if that is a holiday, on the Tuesday following), at such hour and place as the President and Clerk shall appoint. Notice shall be given in a daily paper published in Boston seven days at least before the meeting. A President, one or more Vice-Presidents, a Clerk, Treasurer, twenty-four Managers, and not less than five Assistant Managers, shall be chosen by ballot at this meeting to serve for one year, and until others are chosen and qualified in their stead.

The Board of Managers, at any regular meeting or at any special meeting called for the purpose, may fill any vacancies in any of the offices of the Corporation.

ARTICLE III.

BOARD OF CONTROL.

The Managers shall be one half gentlemen and one half ladies, and shall, with the Assistant Managers and

other officers (named in Article II), constitute a Board of Control, which shall have entire charge of the affairs of the Corporation, including power to authorize a committee of three of the members of the Board to make contracts, and to sell, mortgage, or otherwise dispose of its property, real and personal. The Board shall fix the times and places for its meetings, and, unless otherwise determined by said Board, shall meet once a month, on the last Monday of every month, or if this should be a holiday, then on the following Tuesday. The Board of Control shall appoint two Managers, a gentleman and a lady, a committee for each month; shall appoint a school committee, a committee on repairs, a committee on supplies, and a committee on finance, who shall also act as an auditing committee; and shall have power to fill all vacancies. Any person who shall have served for ten consecutive years on the Board shall be eligible, on resignation, to the office of Counsellor, with a vote in the Board when present. The Assistant Managers may act on committees for the month, or otherwise assist the work of the Home.

ARTICLE IV.

COMMITTEES OF THE MONTH.

During the month which shall begin immediately after the monthly meeting, the committee of the month shall have charge of the Home, including, in consultation with the Matron, the admission, discharge, and placing the inmates.

ARTICLE V.

MATRON, ASSISTANT MATRON, TEACHER, AND HOUSEKEEPER.

The Matron shall be chosen by the Board of Control; she shall have entire charge of the Home and its inmates, under the direction of the Board of Control, including

power to employ and dismiss servants. The Assistant Matron, Teacher, and Housekeeper, when such are employed, shall be appointed by the Board of Control, but may be dismissed by the committee of the month, with the approval of the President.

ARTICLE VI.

QUORUM.

Six members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Corporation or of the Board of Control.

ARTICLE VII.

SPECIAL MEETINGS.

Special Meetings of the Corporation may be called at any time by the President, to be notified by the Clerk, in the same manner as the Annual Meeting; and of the Board of Control, by notice to each member through the Post Office; and these meetings shall be called at any time, on the written application of not less than six members.

ARTICLE VIII.

AMENDMENTS.

The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any meeting of the Corporation at which the purpose to amend the Constitution and By-Laws shall have been stated as one of the objects of the meeting.

ARTICLE IX.

OFFICERS' DUTIES.

The President, Vice-Presidents, Clerk, and Treasurer shall perform the ordinary duties of their offices. The Treasurer shall submit a report to the Annual Meeting

and whenever requested by the President or Committee of Finance; and shall act under the direction of the Committee of Finance in making or changing investments. All bills shall be approved by at least one member of the committee. The Treasurer may employ a Collector.

ARTICLE X.

ADOPTION.

In all cases where children are adopted from this institution, the President and Clerk are hereby authorized and empowered to give the consent of this institution to such adoption, and to sign, in the name of this institution, all papers necessary to perfect the adoption of such children.

Dr. THE GWYNNE TEMPORARY HOME FOR CHILDREN, *in acct. with* WILLIAM FAXON, Jr. *Treas.* **Cr.**

1906. Dec. 31.	To cash paid during the year for		
	Provisions and groceries,	$1,948.97	
	Clothes,	281.96	
	Wages,	2,448.33	
	Board,	28.50	
	Infant Department,	559.47	
	Water,	38.00	
	Gas,	117.33	
	Fuel,	354.60	
	Laundry,	458.36	
	Printing,	50.25	
	Repairs,	411.95	
	Telephone,	72.11	
	Ice,	34.80	
	"Lowell-Thayer Fund" for Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners	20.00	
	Incidentals,	776.46	$7,601.09
	Investments,		17,100.20
	Accrued interest paid on bonds,		125.14
	Cash in hands of Matron,		38.70
	Balance, cash on hand,		17,366.34
			$42,231.47

Examined and found correct,

J. D. WILLIAMS,
One of the Auditing Committee.

1905. Dec. 26.	By balance of old account,		$5,041.53
1906. Dec, 31.	By subscriptions and donations,	471.89	
	Income from investments,	5,948.67	
	Interest on deposits,	391.68	
	Income from S. V. Ashton Trust,	1,550.00	
	Income from Thomas A. Goddard Memorial Fund	800.00	
	Use of telephone,	9.30	9,171.54
	By legacies Nancy E. Rust,		1,000.00
	By payment of investments,		27,018.40
			$42,231.47

E. & O. E.

WILLIAM FAXON, Jr., Treasurer.

LIFE MEMBERS.

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*APPLETON, Mrs. WILLIAM
BAKER, E. H.
*BARNES, Mrs. CHARLES B.
*BOND, Mrs. C. L.
*BRADLEE, Rev. CALEB D.
BROWN, Mrs. JAMES
BROWN, Miss ALICE WOODWARD
*BROWN, ATHERTON T.
BROWN, Mrs. ATHERTON T.
BROWN, Miss ELIZABETH B.
CHAFFIN, Mrs. W. L.
CHAFFIN, Rev. W. L.
CHENEY, Mrs. ARTHUR
CRUFTS, Miss H. C.
CUSHING, Mrs. BENJAMIN
*DAVIS, Miss A. W.
*DRAPER, Miss A. A.
DUNCAN, Mrs. GEORGE
*FAULKNER, Mrs. CHARLES
FIELD, Mrs. B. W.
*GILMORE, Mrs. ADDISON
GODDARD, Mrs. WILLIAM
GREW, Mrs. HENRY S.
*HAYWARD, Mrs. GEORGE P.
HOLLINGSWORTH, Mrs. POLLY R.

*Deceased

HOLLINGSWORTH, Miss ROSE
HOMER, Miss MARY R.
*HOMER, Mrs. PETER T.
HOMER, Mrs. J. T.
HOOPER, Mrs. I. HARRIS
*HOVEY, Miss MARIAN
JOY, Miss CAROLINE A.
KENT, Mrs. HELENA M.
*KIMBALL, MOSES
*LAWRENCE, Mrs. AMOS A.
*LINCOLN, Miss MARY K.
MANN, Mrs. S. H.
MARRS, Mrs. W. D. KINGSMILL
*MERRIAM, Mrs. CHARLES
MORTON, Miss SARAH B.
NORCROSS, GRENVILLE H.
*RICE, HENRY ALLEN
*SHATTUCK, Mrs. GEORGE C.
*STEADMAN, Mrs. MARSHALL
STETSON, Mrs. JOSHUA
*STORER, Mrs. R. B.
*STORER, Mrs. WILLIAM BRANDT
*THAYER, Mrs. C. L.
THAYER, NATHANIEL N.
*WETHERELL, Mrs. JOHN G.
*WIGGLESWORTH, Miss ANNE
*WILLIAMS, Miss ANN D.

*Deceased.

SUBSCRIBERS AND DONORS,

From January 1, 1906, to January 1, 1907.

Blackmar, Mrs. W. W.	$25 00
Brewer, Miss F. R.	10 00
Brown, Miss E. W.	10 00
Brown, Miss Alice W.	3 00
Brown, J. Hassall	10 00
Clement, Miss Mary A.	10 00
Chapman, Miss Jane E. C.	2 00
Coolidge, John F.	25 00
Cunningham, Mrs. J. H.	5 00
Faulkner, Miss	10 00
Fitz, Mrs. W. S.	10 00
Gray, Russell	5 00
Hope Chapel Sunday School	10 00
Houghton, Clement S.	10 00
Hubbard, Mrs. Eliot	5 00
Kendall, Mrs. H. W.	10 00
Mass. Charitable Fire Asso.	50 00
May, Miss Eleanor G.	5 00
Merriam, Charles	5 00
Morgan, Mrs. J. P. Jr.	10 00
Nickerson, Andrew	10 00
Old South Sunday School	10 50
Osgood, Mrs. E. L.	5 00
Pickering, Henry	25 00
Pickman, Mrs. R. D.	25 00
Pickman, Mrs. D. R.	25 00
Robinson, J. C.	10 00
Sears, Mrs. George G.	10 00
Storer, Misses A. M. and A. G.	10 00
Stevenson, Mrs. R. H.	10 00
Sutherland, Mrs. S. A.	26 79
Tompkins, Mrs. O.	5 00
Tuckerman, Mrs. C. D.	5 00
Turner, Mrs. Abby W.	25 00
Unity Church S. S. N. Easton	29 60
Wheelwright, George W.	10 00

DONATIONS TO THE HOME, 1906.

Miss Stevens of Berkeley Temple.—Two boxes "Youths' Companion."

First Parish Benevolent Society, Dorchester.—Ninety garments.

Mrs. Howard.—Children's reins and picture cards.

Forbes Lithographic Mfg. Co.—Pictures, masks and decorations.

Boston Sewing Circle.—Fifty-two garments.

Mrs. Kingsmill Marrs.—Crate oranges.

Ladies' Benevolent Society, Second Church, Copley Square.—Eighty-four garments.

Rev. D. W. Waldron.—Forty Easter cards and a day's outing at Franklin Park.

Mrs. W. W. Blackmar.—Box millinery, children's hats, schoolroom supplies and barrel apples.

Mrs. M. L. Houston.—Eighteen garments.

Ray and Harry Sanderson.—Two barrels apples and can syrup.

Mr. M. Rosnosky.—Four blocks ice cream.

Cambridge Sewing Club, through Miss J. F. Bumstead.—Thirty-nine garments.

Massachusetts Bible Society.—Twelve bibles.

The Misses Storer.—Packing boxes.

Needle Woman's Friend Society, through Mrs. Geo. W. Wheelwright.—Twelve pillow slips and twenty-eight towels.

Boston Elevated Railway Co.—Two hundred and twenty car tickets.

Mrs. A. H. Balcom.—Two barrels apples and vegetables.

Ladies' Benevolent Society, First Parish, Hingham. —Fourteen garments.

Rev. M. R. Deming.—A day's outing at Sharon and Beachmont.

Miss E. B. Brown.—Money for girls' dresses.

Boston Branch of the Needlework Guild of America. —Thirty-six garments and six towels.

Mr. R. S. Sturgis.—Barrel apples.

Mr. G. H. Norcross.—Carpeting for three flights of stairs.

Jamaica Plain Branch of the Needlework Guild of America.—Thirty-four garments, eight pairs stockings, and eight pairs side elastics.

Mrs. Geo. W. Wheelwright.—Cards for the schoolroom.

Kings' Chapel Employment Society.—One hundred and ten garments.

Sewing Circle, through Miss Lucy Parsons.—Twenty-two garments and twelve towels.

CHRISTMAS.

Mrs. R. B. Fairbairn.—Three dollars for Christmas gifts.

Mr. A. G. Pearson.—Candy canes and box candy.

Mrs. W. W. Blackmar.—Toys, games, dolls and clothing.

Miss E. B. Brown.—Five dollars for Christmas gifts.

The Misses Storer.—Box clothing, hoods, mittens, handkerchiefs and toys.

First Unitarian Church of Medford.—An invitation from the Sunday School to their Christmas festival.

Mr. F. W. Pearson.—Boxes Christmas novelties filled with candy.

Mrs. Geo. W. Wheelwright.—Turkey.

Unity Church Sunday School of North Easton.—Large box mechanical toys, games, dolls and tea-sets.

Mrs. Geo. H. Green.—Ten dollars for Christmas gifts.

Miss Bettie Boyd.—Box Christmas gifts.